

DUTCH JOHN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CONFERENCE HALL

Monday, March 14, 2016

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA/MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE: Members: Buddy Rogers, Dave McDonald, Sandy Kunkel, Harriet Dickerson

Guests: None.

BUSINESS:

1. Public comment – limited to 5 minutes per individual. None
2. Review/approval of minutes from last meeting. Sandy Kunkel moved to approve Minutes, Seconded by Harriet. Passed.
3. Review of Correspondence. Buddy got email from USDA discussing programs and grants they have available. One dealt with preserving agricultural ground areas, preserving water sources. Another one is about technology. Probably worth looking at a little more closely. Sandy stated grants are lots of work but worth the effort.
4. Approval of Expenditures. None.
5. Old Business – Reports from members. Dave discussed situation with Trout Creek, Daggett County, and the Conoco. Scott Schofield did main existing sewer line. When got ready to connect to main that comes up from Conoco property, the existing sewer easement in effect, had been covered over with lots of trees planted by the Conoco. In order to connect and do minimal damage, Trout Creek looked for an alternate route and found one. Warren Blanchard said County would do a new easement to cover this. No one followed up. The County then sold the property to Delta One and did not exclude the easement in the property as should have been done. Conoco went in and capped off the line and it wasn't discovered until two weeks ago. It was also noted that the Conoco had built on Trout Creek property certain electrical utilities. An accommodation was arranged between Johnny Spillane and his partners and Thompson Davis to swap easements for the benefit of both parties. Conoco was going to re-connect the sewer system, but to date this has not happened. There is no written agreement. Uintah Engineering surveyed 6" sewer line easement. Connections just need to be done and easements written and recorded. It will take probably 1-1/2 days to do work and must be done before Easter weekend as cabins are already rented. Delta Plan did have the legal right to do what they did but the County failed in its responsibility when their deed was written in not including the easement. Buddy said this turns a light on for the Town Council to force proper easements to be made in all situations and circumstances.

Discussion and possible action re Questar Gas franchise agreement. Buddy has been contacted by Questar regarding possible signing of a gas franchise agreement. They are interested in a 30 yr. agreement. It would give them access to all gas easements. If curb and gutter were put in they would come without charge and relocate lines if necessary. Dave discussed that they would, in fact, be renting city easements from which they would make a profit at no charge. He stated that in some places these kinds of franchise agreements are entered into by Towns and the Town makes a profit. It was suggested that perhaps we could get them to put natural gas to the waste treatment plant. It was discussed that gas in town goes to the Post Office but the rest of the town uses propane. Before any action is taken we need to work on easement situation. This discussion was tabled for a couple of months in which we can explore the issue further.

Sandy discussed the Emergency Services plan that was presented a couple of meetings ago by Anne Steen. Sandy had attended a meeting at the LDS Church concerning how this was proceeding. She said Joella Reardon is the Community Emergency Response Team leader. Things that are needed include: neighborhoods need captains in place to take charge of emergencies. A phone tree needs to be established. We need to know where water can be turned off, same with electricity. We need some kind of sanitation plan. We need a way to secure private information when provided by residents. It was decided a good place to start would be securing a town map, dividing it into reasonable sections, then at a community meeting discuss the needs and see if volunteers will come forward to assume some responsibilities. One of the concerns will always be having “permanent residents” in charge but still having accessibility to “non-permanent residents”.

6. New Business

Discussion and possible action re extension of Planning & Zoning moratorium. Because the original Planning & Zoning Moratorium is due to expire and because the work on the new document is not completed and no public hearings have been scheduled as yet, it is necessary to extend this moratorium for an additional three month period. Harriet moved that the Council approve and direct signing of an extension to the moratorium. Seconded by Dave. Motion passed and Resolution signed by mayor and clerk.

7. Discussion on next year events planning – Freedom Days . Not next year, but rather this July.

8. Executive Session if necessary:

Review and possible action for response to County MOU.

Harriet moved to go to Executive Session to discuss County MOU proposal. Seconded by Sandy. Executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Return to regular session. Dave made motion to adjourn. Sandy seconded. Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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